

Radio Club Activities

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This is the first in a regularly appearing column in the MACE which will highlight internal club activities as well as provide information to hams in the student body who are not club members. Also, others interested in amateur radio should find this column informative.

With the departure of Eugene Alm, the radio club is happy to announce the acceptance of the post of advisor to the club by Robert Garnier of the EE department.

The club is forming a code class to be held during the 11:00 a.m. Tuesday "free" hour. The course instructors are Ted Williams and Dennis Daigle, both holders of a General class amateur radio license. The course will run 6 to 8 weeks, culminating in the administration of the Novice class license code and theory test. Come to the shack for further details and registration.

The new frequency allocations, part of the Incentive Licensing rules, go into effect November 22. The radio club will have a reference chart available listing the frequency changes early in November. They are free to anybody who stops in for one.

The club is now in contact with other college stations with the aim of reinstating the successful ICCN news service used by the MACE last year. New and interesting developments at other colleges across the nation will appear in the MACE with the byline ICCN. This service is handled by radioteletype.

Slow-scan TV is now legal in the amateur bands above 3.5 Mhz. Also, the FCC has said that any citizen is now eligible for a Novice license if he has not held an FCC - issued amateur license in the past 12 months. Previously the Novice license was not renewable.

Next meetings: Oct. 18, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.